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DEALERS IN

Government, Steam and Street Railway Bonds.

Baltimore and Ohio—A feature was Baltim and Ohio. For some days past the ream I claimed to detect evidence of excellent boyl by hanking interest identified with the pa-city before the Pennsylvania Baltimad acquir its holdings of the stock. The excellent sta-ment for March earnings brought in good in mg orders, and officials are reported as say, that the company is operating profitably.

Pennsylvania—Not only were the stocks of the road controlled by Pennsylvania atrona, but Pennsylvania itself was higher on heavy buying by brokers identical with the Walder clique as well as by Gares and Keene brokers. It was said that Mr. Keene had reversed his bostion on the market. Street and Norton bought 15,000 shares.

Norfolk and Western-There was further talk of an increase in the dividend rate on Norfolk and Western, as well as haltimore and Onlo. The most conspicuous buying of Norfolk appeared to be by the Mates party.

Bond Sales at New York.

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SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY IS RENEWED IN NEW YORK.

SUPPORT APPEARS FOR MAN-HATTAN RAILWAY.

Metropolitan Depressed by Reports About Finances-Money Is Much Easier.

New York, April 16.-The speculative activity which developed yesterday and was interrupted by the announcement of the refusal of the demands made by the Manhattan Elevated Railroad employes was renewed to-day, when support was forthcoming for Manhattan, it was hoped that
the labor difficulty on the elevated system
would be adjusted without resort to a
strike and this induced some short covering in the stock. When it was perceived
that the market was to be exempt for the
present from the disturbance of a drop in
this stock, opportunity was taken to start
an upward movement on the part of a
speculative party which is believed to have
covered its short contracts on the recent
shimp, and to have gone long of the mark
ket. Their operations were conspicuous in
Badimore and Ohio on the ground of the
large increase in net earnings disclosed by
the March statement. Pennsylvania and
Norfolk and Western were included in the
operations under this Beadership. Other
Eastern trunk lines and coalers showed
some sympathy, but the buying in these
and elsewhere in the market could not be
traced to the same sources as the movement in the Pennsylvania group.
WESTERNERS RELUCTANT. newed to-day, when support was forth-

Early in the day, with the exception of good absorption of Missouri Pacific, based on its large February earnings, the Western and Pacific stocks were inclined to hang back. Some suspicion was felt as to the character of the selling in Union Pacific and St. Paul. The testimony regarding the finances of the Metropolitan Street Railway in the hearing of a suit against the president for libel resulted also in some selling of the stock in the early dealings and a slightly sympathetic depression. Late in the day St. Paul came into full sympathy with the strength of the market, and other western and Southwestern stocks partly so, with the exception of Southwestern the day.

Amaignmented Copper was lifted sharply on a professed expectation that the quartering disidend would be increased to-day. The standard search of the prevailing dividend rate, but sawed a fractional net gain in spite of the weakness of the prevailing dividend rate, but sawed a fractional net gain in spite of the weakness of raw copper and copper stocks in foreign markets. Sugar's continued time was sominally due to a gavival of old rumors of an adjustment of the accrued dividends of the preferred STEEL IMPROVED.

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stathend to discount sufficiently the unfavorable powers in the situation as well as as furnish relief to the money cituation by the extensive liquidation involved. The manney situation is conspicuously easier and shows largely increased supplies offering in the market. The declining influence of the Bouthern Securities case was indicated by the way in which an early fall in that stock on the curb was practically ignored. The market closed active and strong and near the top level. A drop of 10% in American Pleasingme and of 7 in St. Louis and San Plantelsco first preferred was accounted for by the fact that previous sales dated hadk its before the recent violent decline in the market.

The bond market was rather dull but firm. Total sales, par value, \$2.475.00. United States bonds all unchanged on the last call.

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EDISON ISSUES ACTIVE

THE GRANITE-BI-METALLIC IS FREELY SOLD.

Tractions Have Good Support and General Tone of List Is Strong.

Local securities were active and fairly strong in yesterday's market. Tractions

and the lighting issues attracted a great deal of attention at both sensions, and Granite-Bi-Metallic came back to life in a speculative way.

United Rallways preferred was on the up-ure at \$3.50 and \$3.575, and the 4s had cool support at \$8.50 and \$68.75, almount-mison, common advanced rapidly from decline from 50 cents to 75 cents, the afternoon session the values of ms were well maintained. Missourice common was again active, with an ce to 524, and more was wanted at myure. Missouri Trust was in better at \$127.

MORNING SESSION. Closing quotations:

217.24 Electric Light Co. pfd... Bi-Metallic Gold M. & M. Co. . . lost and Coke com...

Amalgamated Copper—In the early dealings amalgamated Copper preferred rose on scattered buying by commission houses, and covering by room shorts who were disturbed by reports of an increased dividend rate. Anatomial like rose sharply. Shortly after amountement was made that the Amalgamated directors had declared quarterly dividend to of 1 per cent, some as previous dividend. The stock lost a coint from its early him price, but quickly resvered. The news had evidently been discounted. io Miscouri fe Do. at 25 Do. at 25 Do. at AFTERNOON SESSION. Closing quotations:

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New York, April 16.—Sales of bonds were made here to-day as follows: | 1.00 | Nor Pac am | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1

ON INSIDE PURCHASES. SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

Bulls in the wheat market confined their attentions to the May option yesterday. The opening and the first half of the session held out little encouragement to buyers, but the longs came strong at the close and worked a half-cent advance. Weather conditions the longs came strong at the close and worked a half-cent advance. Weather conditions were generally favorable at the start and foreign markets did not respond well to the domestic advance of the previous day. Crop advices were mostly bearish and the movement to market was brisk. Sellers seemed to have things their own way until the session was far advanced. Apparently Armour was giving the market little support in Chicago. After all of the long stuff for sale had come out there was some selling by shorts. About noon buying orders made themselves felt, and from that time until the close there was good demand for the active option. Heavy acceptances for export and large clearances were the legitimate influences behind the movement.

Corn was full throughout the session. Weather conditions were favorable and the cash demand was light. Primary receipts were again heavy, though the amount in here was moderate.

May wheat opened Willic off and closed Mc up.

May corn opened hic off and closed he off. May outs closed unchanged. Receipts of produce were fairly large, but a good buying demand held values steady

for fruits and vegetables. Local securities were fairly active and higher. Tractions and lighting issues were in

best demand. Granite-Bi-Metallic was freely seld on the downturn. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$9.813,316, bulances \$918,967. Discount rates were

steady between 5 and 6 per cent. Spot cotton was unchanged in the local market,

MAY WHEAT HIGHER AFTER EASY OPENING.

CASH AND EXPORT DEMAND STRENGTHENS MARKET.

July Wheat and May Corn, Under Selling Pressure, Close Slightly Lower.

Bulls in May wheat again showed that they had the situation in hand in yester-day's market. Though most of the early news was bearish and rather brick selling followed easy cables and increased receipts, the longs held back until the late hour, when they used the cash and export demand and the decrease in the stocks in store as a leverage for a further advance. A return of favorable weather conditions had a depressing influence on the July op-tion, which closed with a slight loss. Trans-actions in Sept. were on the downturn from

May wheat opened 146% off and sold at: Bearish weather conditions and heavy pri-mary receipts caused a downward move-ment in corn. Heavy clearances and a fair-ty good cash demand held up the value of the option at the close.

May corn opened is off and sold at:

Republic quotes selected sweet hy: Jack snipe II.
Fresh Fish-Demand good and prices firmer,
soot, per ils.: Black bass at I2:; exapple 5c for
mail to 1c for large; dressed eat 21c; spoun-oil eat 7c; buildeads, dressed, 5c and gross 4c; utfalo, gross 25c; dressed 65c; German carp,
ressed, 3c, gross 2c; sundsh 2c; white perch 3c.

Missouri and Illinois—
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(Blue or unprime le 20 Civet cut...... Elack Depositing Space Relative Short stripe Segue Gray fox Degro Narrow stripe Segue All unseasonable and settingy" furs are graded accordingly and sell at a discount from the foregoing figures.

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No. 1 light 14
No. 1 heavy 16
No. 2 light 12
No. 2 light 12
No. 2 light 15
Wet hides should always be thoroughly cured before being shipped.

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Cash Grain, Piour, Etc.

WHEAT—Received As skx and II cars local and Is carried over 2, emilion cases at 151,15 and estimated and 18 cars throught strong and an active demand unifiers bought No. 2 red at 684,5704c learned over 2, emilion at 12,502. But continued at 1802 but there is a solid or for Turkey; No. 4 hard at 1802 but the solid at 60 to 67 at 180 for Turkey; No. 4 hard at 1802 but the solid at 1802 but the solid at 1802 but the solid at 60 to 67 at 1802 but there is be 67 at 1802 but there is 67 at 1802 but there is 67 at 1802 but there is 67 at 1802 but the solid for fair to 80 per 6 gaillon of fair to 80 per 6 gaillon at 1802 but the solid at 1802 but t

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BONES—Chokes bleached at 115 per ton; other kinds from 10 of 14.

SCRAP THON AND METAL—Per 100 Re; Wrought Iron 20; heavy case Se; malleable ster and breakable ster at 100 PCORNS—Selling on seb at 20044 per 100 PECANS—Average receipts about 20040.

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WALNUTS—Selling at 100 per bu; California beging for herdshell and 100-2006 for soft-abell. HESTNUTS New West Virginia

IR. DRIED FRUITS Quote: Evaporated apples at DRIED poor to 4c for fair and 43c for fairs; diseased chops at Philipping pork 55. COCOPERAGE: Land ton at \$1.25 for wood and \$1.35 for iron-bound bols; pork lists at \$1 for wood-bound, \$1 for iron-bound; else ten \$1.27%; fail-ton do. 38: 15-bols. 56; meal 38; HAGGING, \$TTC.—Bagging, per yard, \$1%-lb, at 5%c; \$-30, at \$-36c; \$25-th, at \$5c. Iron cotton ties at \$1.66. Hemp twine 5c.

St. Louis Cotton Market.

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Tinges and stained 4.69%c below white.
Galveston-Spot market quier; middling 10%c;
miles, 1300 hales.
Memphis—Spot market steady; middlings 10%;
Reseipts at principal points;
Galveston, 2.875 bales,
New Orleans, 2.575 bales,
Norfells, 604 bales,
Houston, 2.131 bales,
Memphis, 1.111 bales,
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By Telegraph.

New York April 18.—Spot cotton closed dult: middling upiands 19.50c; middling Gulf 19.50c; sales 37 bales. Futures closed barres stead; April 19.75c, May 19.13c; July 3.50c; April 19.75c, April 19.

July 5.25d, July-Aug. 5.2565.28d; Aug. Sept. 5.156 5.15d; Sept. Oct. 4.25d; Oct. Nov. 4.5d; Nov. Dec. 4.36d. New Orleans, La., April 15.—Cotton—Futures steady: April 16c; May 13.1569.13c; June 18.129 10.15c; July 10.15626.15c; Aug. 18.40610.5tc; Sept. 8.2562.25c; Oct. 8.2563.25c; Nov. 8.2468.25c; Dec. 8.2562.25c; Spot cotton casy; sales 100 bales; ordinary 8.3c; good ordinary 8.12-15c; low mid-dling 9.7-15c; middling 104c; good middling 18.4-5c; middling fair 114c. Receipts 2.879 bales; stock 145.58 bales.

13 old rope-No. I Manilla at 11-15; No. 2 at ago. The stocker demand remains good for the rubber at 18.